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AN APPEAL

In view of the very long waiting lists the Infirmary has under consideration the extension of its services for In and Out-patients

THEREFORE

● New and Increased Subscriptions and Donations are earnestly sought in order to create a fund for the proposed extensions

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COMMITTEES
1947

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(Meets on the last Thursday in each month, at 11.30 a.m.)

Rear-Admiral Sir Richard Bevan, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., D.L. *Chairman.*
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A. J. Hodgson
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W. Hill
H. Cole

Quarterly General Meetings of the Governors are held at 12 noon on the last Thursday in the months of March, June, September and December (Thursday being Christmas Day, the meeting is held on the day before).

The Quarterly General Meeting in March is the Annual General Meeting of Governors.

ATTENDANCES AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND WEEKLY BOARD FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1946

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

	Possible number of attendances	Attended
Rear Admiral Sir Richard Bevan, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., D.L., *Chairman* (on active service until 16/1/46)	11	6
W. Washbourn, C.B.E., *Deputy Chairman*	14	14
J.W. L. Beaven	14	8
H. Benfield	14	8
W. E. Brown	14	8
Miss P. Bulley	14	0
Capt. H. M. Calvert	14	8
H. Cole	14	3
G. Collier	14	12
Lady Darell	14	8
Mrs. E. B. Evans, O.B.E.	14	7
Sir Evan Gwynne Evans, Bart. (appointed 28/3/46)	11	2
Mrs. Farran	14	1
F. C. Gardner (died 23/12/46)	13	13
Colonel A. Guy, O.B.E.	14	10
Major H. Hague	14	13
W. Hill	14	12
A. J. Hodgson	14	9
W. E. F. Jones	14	3
C. V. Knight, M.D.	14	13
W. G. Knight	14	13
Mrs. Meath-Baker	14	6
J. Morefield	14	4
T. H. Nash	14	14
E. Oakhill	14	6
Mrs. E. Padgett	14	12
Miss A. Tidswell	14	9
R. F. Tiley	14	8
W. A. Walker	14	13
G. Trevor Wellington, C.B.E.	14	1
R. E. Williams	14	10

Ex-Officio Members

The Very Rev. The Dean of Gloucester	12	6
The Right Hon. Viscount Bledisloe G.C.M.G.	12	0
W. C. Oxenham	12	0
Mrs. J. O. Roberts	14	0
Lieut.-Colonel Sir Russell James Kerr	14	0

	Possible number of attendances	Attended
Colonel Sir Lionel E. Darell, Bart., D.S.O.	14	7
The Right Hon. Lord Sherborne	14	0
Sir John Percival, K.B.E.	14	2
E. C. Sutcliffe (retired 31/3/46)	3	1
W. F. M. Hopkins (elected 1/4/46)	11	4
Dr. D. E. Finlay (retired 15/8/46)	9	1
A. Alcock (retired 15/8/46)	9	8
W. Niccol (appointed 15/8/46)	4	4
Dr. H. Cairns Terry (appointed 15/8/46)	4	1

WEEKLY BOARD

H. Benfield	53	42
W. E. Brown	53	28
H. Cole	53	17
F. C. Gardner (died 23/12/46)	52	46
Major H. Hague	53	50
W. Hill	53	40
C. V. Knight, M.D.	53	44
T. H. Nash	53	47
W. A. Walker	53	49

Ex-Officio Members

Rear Admiral Sir Richard Bevan, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., D.L.	40	20
W. Washbourn, C.B.E.	53	53
A. Alcock (retired 15/8/46)	33	31

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

H. Benfield	2	2
H. Cole	2	1
Major H. Hague	2	2
G. Trevor Wellington, C.B.E.	2	2
R. E. Williams	2	2

Ex-Officio Members

Rear Admiral Sir Richard Bevan, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., D.L.	2	2
W. Washbourn, C.B.E.	2	1
E. C. Sutcliffe (retired 31/3/46)	0	0
W. F. M. Hopkins (elected 1/4/46)	2	2
Lieut.-Colonel Sir Russell James Kerr	2	0
Colonel Sir Lionel E. Darell, Bart., D.S.O.	2	1
The Right Hon. Lord Sherborne	2	1
Sir John Percival, K.B.E.	2	2

The Gloucestershire Royal Infirmary and Eye Institution.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1946

The New Act.

THE year 1946 has seen the National Health Services Bill become an Act, as Royal Assent was given on the 6th November.

It is now possible to assess the improvements made in the interests of the patient in the progress of the Bill through Parliament, to survey it from the viewpoint of those associated with hospital work, and to see broadly how the hospital services will operate.

As the Bill foreshadowed, the Minister of Health will become responsible under the Act for providing the whole of the health services in England and Wales ; and for this purpose he will be entrusted with the ownership of all existing hospitals, voluntary and others. By the Act, he will be advised by a central council of experts and he will delegate many of his powers regarding the hospital services : (*a*) to REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARDS, who will be responsible to the Minister for the regional planning and provision of hospital services, including the grouping of hospitals where necessary ; (*b*) to MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES of non-teaching hospitals. These Committees will be appointed by the Regional Hospital Boards, and will be responsible to the Minister through the Regional Hospital Boards for the control and management of their hospitals ; (*c*) to BOARDS OF GOVERNORS, who will be responsible to the Minister for the management and control of the teaching hospitals.

Parliament has, however, made important alterations to the Bill which largely remove a very general fear that the interests of the patient would come second to the requirements of national administration, and that good neighbourliness and continued

interest in the work of hospitals would be destroyed as a consequence of State ownership. The British Hospitals Association shared these fears, and has worked unceasingly in the interests of the patients to amend the Bill and provide safeguards against these dangers. By these alterations, made both by the House of Commons and by the House of Lords, the Bill has been greatly improved and the Act appears to provide a workable plan for the hospital services. Much will depend upon the regulations to be made by the Minister and approved by Parliament in due course.

The nature of these changes—all urged by the British Hospitals Association— and their effects are briefly stated in the following paragraphs :—

The Link between the Patient, the Local Hospital and the Local People.

It is of vital interest and advantage to the patient that he should be able to regard the local hospital as his own, even though under the National Health Service it may work closely with other hospitals in an organised service for a larger district. This, however, cannot be so unless every encouragement is given to local people to continue to interest themselves in the work, the service, and the management of their hospitals. Alterations designed to meet this need have been made and are contained in the Act.

Control of the Hospital Remains in Local Hands.

By alterations made, the new Management Committees, to be appointed under the Act, will have the duty of controlling and managing their individual hospital or local group of hospitals ; and the Management Committees will be composed of local people with local knowledge. In the Minister's own words, " The Management Committee . . is the vital element in the administration."

Voluntary Service and Gifts Continue as Aid to Patients' Comfort and Welfare.

By alterations made, all hospitals will have some monies which they can spend at will in the provision of additional comforts for their patients and staff and generally in improving their services.

Patients and others will still be able to give to a particular hospital sums, large or small, for special purposes, which will be solely the property of that hospital. The need for continued voluntary service and for voluntary support has been recently stressed by the Minister and his Parliamentary Secretary.

Preservation of Personal Touch and Public Interest.

The effect of these alterations will be to maintain and encourage the continuance of the widest public interest in the work of the hospitals and therefore in the welfare of their patients ; the shadow of remote and impersonal control of the hospitals by the far distant regional body foreshadowed in the original Bill has been removed. The day to day control of the hospital will be in the hands of the managing committee on the spot, and the patient who has a complaint will still be able to make it direct to those responsible for dealing with it.

Effective Local Responsibility for Hospital Management.

By alterations made, the Management Committees (like the Boards of Governors) are now charged by the Act with the duty of controlling and managing their hospitals. The importance of this revision cannot be over-estimated in its effect upon the efficiency of the service, the interests of the patient, the welfare of the staff and the incentive thus given to public-spirited citizens to serve as members of the Management Committees.

Legal Status given to Management Committees.

By alterations made, the Management Committees are to have the privilege, originally accorded only to Regional Boards and to Boards of Governors, of having legal corporate entity.

All Hospitals able to Conduct Medical Research.

Management Committees are to be enabled to undertake research—a privilege originally accorded to Regional Boards and Boards of Governors only. The importance of this alteration is profound ; it means that there is no hindrance to medical research

being undertaken in every hospital. It is well known that the services of the best doctors have always been attracted to those hospitals which provide them with complete professional freedom in matters relating to the treatment of their patients and the necessary facilities therefor. If medical treatment in the bulk of the hospitals had been reduced to a matter of routine, without the stimulus of research, the endeavours of by far the larger part of the medical profession would have been frustrated ; there would have been unfavourable reactions upon the service to the patient ; the whole standard of the hospital service would have been lowered and there would have been further repercussions in other spheres, e.g., in the training of nurses.

Local Control over Hospital Expenditure.

Hospital managing bodies will budget the cost of their services under the State scheme and, when their budgets have been agreed upon, they will receive lump sum payments, for the expenditure of which they will be responsible. Boards of Governors will be responsible to the Minister. Management Committees will be responsible to the Regional Boards. Thus the Boards and Committees will have real responsibility and will also have authority to see that repairs and general maintenance items are promptly attended to without the delays that would otherwise be occasioned by reference to Government Departments.

Existing Funds of Voluntary Hospitals.

The lump sums above referred to received from the State will be sufficient to cover the essentials of the Service in teaching and non-teaching hospitals.

In the case of non-teaching hospitals such as the Royal Infirmary the capital assets will, on the day the Service comes into operation, first be transferred to a national pool—the Hospital Endowments Fund. From this pool the Minister will redistribute the available fund to each new Management Committee. The amount of each share will be in the discretion of the Minister, qualified by the direction that he is to have regard to the objects for which the existing endowments were given.

Thus, the managing body of every hospital will not only be free to assess the most important needs of that particular hospital, but will have, apart from the resources of the State, a nucleus of moneys expendable in its own discretion to meet those needs, to make improvements and innovations, and for the purposes of medical research.

Future Gifts and Legacies—The Original Proposal Altered.

Under the original Bill only the Regional Boards and Boards of Governors of teaching hospitals were to be allowed to receive gifts after the date when the Service comes into operation ; but for the Management Committees of the non-teaching hospitals there was no such provision. New provisions have been made by alterations in the Bill with respect to Management Committees in relation to existing endowments and future gifts. They are substantial and far-reaching and are explained under separate heads in later paragraphs of this Report.

Effect of Local Management on the Efficiency of the Service.

The recognition thus afforded to the importance of efficient management at local level will provide the Management Committees with duties and responsibilities of a kind which are worth the doing, and will attract to their membership responsible people of knowledge and good will. It is only on this basis that the Minister can confidently rely on a continuance of local interest in the concerns of the local hospital, and indeed ultimately on the efficiency of the whole hospital service for which he is responsible.

The Hospitals Endowment Fund.

It is true that moneys already given to non-teaching hospitals will, by virtue of the Act, be transferred to the Minister and will, on the "appointed day," when the Service comes into operation, be put into a national pool and redistributed. It is expected that the appointed day will be in April 1948. As the Minister has pointed out, these moneys will not, however, be taken by the Treasury,

nor will they in any way be offset against the Treasury payments for the cost of service ; they will, in fact, form discretionary funds. This re-allocation of past benefactions will occur once and once only, *i.e.*, on the day when the Service comes into operation.

Gifts made after the 6th November, 1946.

By alterations made to the Bill, the Act provides that gifts of the undermentioned character made, after the 6th November, 1946, the date of the passing of the Act, to the existing Governing Body of a voluntary hospital or to trustees, will not be pooled when the service comes into operation, but will be transferred to the appropriate new Management Committee so long as these gifts are made upon trusts which provide :—

(*a*) for the administration of the property (*i.e.*, gifts) as a capital fund separate from the general funds of the hospital ; *or*

(*b*) for the application of the property (*i.e.*, gifts) for some specific object distinct from the general purposes of the hospital and involving expenditure of a capital nature.

The new Management Committee will continue to apply these moneys locally, according to the general or specific intention of the donor.

Gifts made after the Appointed Day.

On and after the "appointed day," when the National Health Service comes into operation, the new Management Committees will have the same privilege as given to the new Boards of Governors of teaching hospitals to receive gifts and legacies of money or property, and independently to administer such gifts as trustees on behalf of their hospital or group of hospitals. It will be unnecessary to make gifts to hospitals for general maintenance, since this will be paid for by the State. But just as the State provision for the Fighting Services does not cover all the needs of the men in those services (demonstrated for example by the existence of comforts and benevolent funds) so it is certain that the individual hospital in the Hospital Service will have needs not covered by the State payment which will require to be met in a spirit of good

neighbourliness and community service. There will always be need for more money to enable progress to be made both in medical science and in the many aspects of efficient and improved hospital service and administration.

Parliament, recognising this need, has required the Act to provide that any gift made to a particular hospital after the day the Service comes into operation may be retained by the receiving hospital for application in accordance with the wishes of the giver.

Need for Continued Interest and Support.

It is hoped that these changes will give fresh encouragement to many who in the past year or so have refrained from supporting or making special gifts to hospitals of their choice. It would be a calamity if, before they became absorbed in the Service, the voluntary hospitals were to lose their present financial support and thereby also lose the interest of their wellwishers and supporters. Indeed, the Service itself will derive much of its vitality and its humanity from the extent to which the public continues to give both its interest and its support.

REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR

Preliminary Training School.

A house in London Road, Gloucester, has been purchased and temporarily re-furnished and equipped as a Preliminary Training School for Nurses. A Qualified Sister-Tutor, a Cook-Housekeeper, and domestic staff have been appointed, and special equipment such as diagrams, charts, desks, instruments, appliances, beds, kitchen furniture etc. purchased.

The first school of nine young girls has already begun. The period of tuition is eight weeks, after which time, if the scholars prove satisfactory, they are admitted to the staff as Student Nurses and begin their period of training for State Registration at the Infirmary.

The School is under the management of the Governors of the Infirmary, and arrangements have been made with the Stroud General Hospital to be "users," if they so wish, by the payment of a capitation fee for each student accommodated in the School.

It is interesting to note that the General Nursing Council has recently made it known that hospitals without a Preliminary Training School by June, 1947 will not be recognised as Training Schools for Nurses.

Nurses' Prize Giving.

On Wednesday, November 13th, Miss M. M. Edwards, Secretary of the Nurses' Recruitment Centre in London presented the prizes to the successful Nurses, and gave a most interesting and inspiring address. The Committee is pleased once again to say that the standard of marks gained by the Nurses was very high. Thanks are due to the Matron and Sister Tutor for their untiring efforts in coaching the Student Nurses, and to the members of the Visiting Medical Staff for giving lectures.

Nursing Staff.

Miss E. Fensome, Assistant Matron at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, was appointed Matron to succeed Miss O. Schofield, and took up her duties on April 24th.

The Committee desire to record their appreciation of the efficient and able services of Miss C. M. Burrow, Assistant Matron, who acted as Matron for three months following the resignation of Miss Schofield.

Here, as in most hospitals, there has been a shortage of Nurses. But steps have been taken to ease the situation by the employment of trained female orderlies for duties in the appropriate wards.

An illustrated brochure has been compiled showing the Nurses' Home, the dining room, tennis courts, etc., with a view to encouraging young girls to take up nursing as a profession. This booklet is a great improvement as compared with the original pamphlet sent out for many years.

Nurses' Home.

With a view to modernising the Nurses' Home, orders have been placed for the installation of steam radiators in every bedroom at a cost of £1,495, and the introduction of more wash basins and bathrooms at a cost of £1,149. But for the war, these improvements would have been carried out many years ago.

As an interim measure, gas fires have been installed in the Nurses' bedrooms in 100 Southgate Street, and have satisfied an urgent need in this particular part of the Nurses' residential quarters.

The Almoner and Records Department.

This department is functioning efficiently, but it is realised that with the coming of the new Health Service many changes in the recording system will have to be made, and more statistical information will have to be compiled. The appointments system for out-patients is a great success and the employment of a typist for the Visiting Medical Staff enables medical reports on patients to be sent to local doctors when patients are discharged from hospital. By the introduction of the appointments system demand for the canteen services is reduced.

Proposed Extensions.

The draft plans of the proposed extensions—consisting of an enlargement of the Department of Pathology, a Children's Ward, increased accommodation for private and semi-private patients, and a new operating theatre for that unit—have been submitted to the Regional Officer of the Ministry of Health. Slight alterations have been suggested, and it is now hoped that the Ministry will approve and recommend to the Ministry of Works that the necessary permit and licence be granted so that the building work can be begun in 1947. It is estimated that the cost of the extensions will be approximately £20,000. It has been pointed out to the Ministry of Health that the closing down of the Children's Hospital will mean a loss of 36 in-patient beds in North Gloucestershire, and therefore the necessity for increasing the ward accommodation at the Infirmary is greater than ever.

Laundry Department.

A tender amounting to £3,300 has been accepted for the installation of more modern laundry machinery. This entails the re-planning and re-arrangement of the whole department. A laundry supervisor has been appointed, under the direction of the House Governor, and already there has been a marked improvement in the quality and quantity of the work turned out.

Occupational Therapy.

Unfortunately, this interesting work has not progressed as was expected, through difficulties in obtaining tuition and materials. However, it is hoped to have the part-time services of a fully-qualified Therapist from the City General Hospital ; and with the introduction of educational and travel film shows in the wards it will be possible to entertain the "long stay" patients.

Physiotherapy (Massage and Electrical) Department.

Modern electrical equipment has been ordered at a cost of nearly £300, and an A.C. mains supply and switch room are to be installed so that all such equipment can be used from this supply, thus giving better results and greater efficiency.

Cancer Act.

Arrangements are nearing completion for the recognition of the Cheltenham General Hospital and the Royal Infirmary area as an Area Unit associated with the Bristol Radio-Therapy Department, in connection with the requirements of the Cancer Act.

As a temporary arrangement, a Radio-Therapist will visit both hospitals each week to consult with the Surgeons and Physicians on any cancer or suspected cancer cases, so that the very best treatment can be afforded to such patients. At a later stage, a whole-time Radio-Therapist will be appointed to serve both hospitals and to be associated with the special department in Bristol. The Deep Therapy X-Ray Unit at the Infirmary is in use by Dr. E. W. Hyde, pending the weekly visits of a Specialist from Bristol and the subsequent appointment of a Radio-Therapist.

Visiting Medical and Surgical Staff.

By the operation of the Infirmary's retirement rule, the following retired from the Visiting Staff on August 15th, 1946 :—

Dr. Douglas Edward Finlay	Senior Physician.
Mr. Arnold Alcock	Senior Surgeon.
Mr. Rupert L. Haines	Surgeon.
Dr John Goss	Visiting Radiologist.

The Committee wish to record sincere and deep appreciation of their services to the Infirmary for so many years.

Being holders of temporary war-time posts, Mr. W. J. Wilkin, Mr. P. M. Birks and Mr. D. Bodman, automatically relinquished their offices. The two former members then applied for permanent posts on the Visiting Consulting Staff.

To fill the vacancies thus created, the following appointments have been made :—

Mr. W. J. Wilkin, M.B., F.R.C.S. ...	Visiting Surgeon.
Mr. P. M. Birks, M.B., F.R.C.S. (Ed.) ...	Visiting Surgeon.
Dr. R. F. Jarrett, M.A., M.B., M.R.C.P.,	Visiting Physician.
Mr. H. A. Hamilton, M.A., M.B., M.R.C.O.G.	Visiting Gynaecological Surgeon.
Mr. H. Mower, D.L.O.	Visiting Assistant Surgeon to Ear, Nose and Throat Department.
Dr. E. W. Hyde, M.A., M.B., D.M.R. (Eng.)	Whole-time Radiologist.
Dr. T. Howell Hughes, D.A.	Visiting Anaesthetist.
Dr. Arthur Tom, D.A.	Visiting Anaesthetist.

Gynaecological Department.

Reciprocal arrangements have been made with the Cheltenham General Hospital, whereby Mr. H. Sandeman Allen, O.B.E., will deputise for Mr. H. A. Hamilton, and vice versa.

Royal Visit.

His Royal Highness, the Amir of Trans-Jordan visited the hospital on Sunday, 17th March, to give presents to the in-patients. and he was welcomed by the Acting Chairman and members of the Staff.

Thanks.

The Committee desires to express its deep appreciation of the very long and valuable services rendered to the Infirmary by Mr. Trevor Wellington, Honorary Solicitor, and Mr. E. C. Sutcliffe, Honorary Treasurer, until his retirement in 1946. Mr. W. F. M. Hopkins, was appointed to succeed Mr. Sutcliffe, and the Committee desires to express its appreciation of the service he is rendering to the hospital.

The Committee also desires to express its thanks to the Visiting Consultant Staff, the Resident Medical and Surgical Staff, the Matron and her Staff, the Chaplain, the House Governor and Secretary, the Administrative Staff and all others who have so ably responded to the many additional calls made upon them under post-war conditions.

Grateful thanks are extended to the Workpeople's Hospital Committee and the Royal Infirmary League and Needlework Guild for their continued and generous support ; the City and County Constabulary for the continuance of their kindness and courtesy on all occasions ; the newspaper press of Gloucester and the Forest of Dean for dealing with matters of interest and publishing reports ; the many voluntary workers who have so ably assisted the hospital in many ways ; the donors of money and gifts in kind to the general funds and to the Christmas appeal ; the voluntary canteen workers and helpers ; the honorary librarians who organise the library of the hospital ; the St. John Ambulance Association ; and the British Red Cross Society.

Thanks are also given to the Ministers of Religion for their appeals on behalf of the Infirmary, and to the organisers of Church Parades for their continued efforts to help the funds of the Hospital.

Extended Benefits Scheme.

The Infirmary is now affiliated to the Bristol and West Hospitals Provident Fund, and wishes to commend the Fund to all residents within the area served by the hospital, who may wish to make financial provision for : (1) Private Consultation ; (2) Hospital or Nursing Home Private Ward Service ; (3) X-Ray Service ; (4) Anaesthetist Service ; (5) Operation ; (6) Pathological and Bacteriological Investigation ; (7) Massage ; (8) Electrical or Radiological Treatment.

Contributions are 6d. to 2s. 8d. a week, payable annually and grants are made from £56 to £153.

Application should be made to the House Governor and Secretary at the Infirmary for particulars of this Private Ward Service Provident Fund.

Statistical Report.

The following is a comparative statement of the number of patients treated in the Infirmary during the past four years.

	1946	1945	1944	1943
Admitted	4,607	4,384	4,492	4,695
Daily average number of beds occupied	190.3	192.0	206.1	219.8
Out-patients	19,085	20,116	19,193	19,595

The number of in-patients has increased by 155 and the out-patients have decreased by 1,031. Out-patients included 203 cases received under the Government Emergency Hospital Scheme.

The average stay of each in-patient has been 15.1 days as compared with 15.6 in 1945.

Of the 4,607 in-patients admitted, 3,155 were received as emergency cases, or on the recommendation of the Medical Officers from the Out-patient department, 33 through the Venereal Diseases Clinic, 829 under arrangements with the County, City and other Authorities, 23 under the Government Emergency Hospital Scheme and 564 private patients.

The number of children under ten years of age treated in the wards was 963 and as out-patients 1,356 ; of the latter 203 were eye cases.

The number of out-patient attendances at the several departments was as follows :—

Medical	7,334	X-Ray Department ...	4,545
Surgical	4,137	Casualty	22,597
Ophthalmic	4,213	Orthopaedic	4,478
Ear, Nose and Throat	3,256	Ultra Violet Ray ...	2,262
Dental	112	Neurological	782
		Fracture Clinic ...	2,659
		Total	56,375

The ordinary expenditure has increased by nearly £16,000 mainly through increased costs under the following headings :— Drugs and Chemicals, £791 ; Instruments, £1,346 ; Bedding, Linen, etc., £2,137 ; Salaries and Wages, £8,307 ; Repairs to Buildings and Plant, £1,802 ; Other miscellaneous headings, £2,000.

Although there has been this considerable increase in expenditure, the figures do not in themselves present a complete picture of the hospital's activities. The cost of services cannot be judged unless the standard of these services is also known.

It is imperative that a very high standard of service should be maintained, so that the Infirmary will rank as a Grade I Institution when taken over in the National Health Services.

Payments to other hospitals for the treatment of contributors and their dependents show a decrease of £759 compared with the previous year.

The ordinary income shows a decrease of £3,834, mainly due to closing the books of the Infirmary on the 15th February, 1947, as compared with May or June in previous years. Income received after 15th February will be credited to the 1947 account. Also the grant from the Ministry of Health towards the expenditure on Nurses' salaries has not yet been received so cannot be taken in account.

Annual subscriptions amounted to £1,886 being a decrease of £106 compared with the preceding year. The Committee would draw the attention of subscribers and others to the great benefit to be derived by the Infirmary from the recovery of Income Tax on covenanted subscriptions. All that is required is that the donor should agree to spread his or her subscription over a period of seven years by completing the form of covenant to be found inserted in this report. Thus the Infirmary would benefit to the extent of the refund of income tax thereon.

Workpeople's contributions have decreased by £1,894 this year, £29,323 11s. 5d. having been received through the Workpeople's Hospital Committee. A sum of £2,827 15s. 10d. has come through the Royal Infirmary League. The decrease in workpeople's contributions can be expected in view of the changeover from war to peace, which has meant a considerable reduction in the number of persons employed in the industries in the area. The Committee desires to convey its grateful thanks to the Workpeople's Hospital Committee, the employers, employees, collectors, and all others who helped in any way to make this magnificent contribution to the funds of the Hospital. Ordinary collections and subscriptions received through the Royal Infirmary League amounted to £142.

The Clothing and Needlework Guild presented 206 articles of clothing and linen and allocated £213 for the purchase of linen.

The Committee is most grateful to the Ladies of the Guild for their valuable assistance and continued interest in the welfare of the hospital.

Donations show a decrease of £591, £1,554 having been received as against a total of £2,145 in 1945. The Committee tenders its grateful thanks to Sir Leslie and Lady Boyce and the League of Mercy Committee for a special donation of £250 from the League, and for their efforts in organising a most successful Ball and Social gathering at the Guildhall.

Proceeds of collecting boxes realised £174 this year. The Committee, while tendering its thanks to the members of the public who have made themselves responsible for these collections,

would be pleased to hear of any "would be" helpers willing to have collecting boxes. Anyone desirous of assisting the hospital by having these boxes or organising collections and/or social gatherings should communicate with the House Governor and Secretary, who would be pleased to assist in any way.

Collections from places of worship amounted to £636 as against £753 in 1945. The Committee is very grateful for this continued support.

Payments received in respect of motor accidents coming within the provisions of the Road Traffic Acts amounted to £318 against £192 in 1945.

The Committee acknowledges with gratitude the following legacies during the year 1946 :—

ENDOWMENT FUND

	£	s.	d.
Habgood, Margaret A....	1155	11	1
Guilding, Mrs. L. A., Kenton Green, Elmore	500	0	0
Brendon, Mrs. Eliza A., Willoughby, Hucclecote	309	6	4
Penny, Rev. L. P., 52 Weston Road, Gloucester	200	0	0
A.M. Order of King Purchasers	150	0	0
Viner-Brady, Mrs. Elizabeth, Ferryside, Twickenham ...	100	0	0
Crewdson, J. Dillworth, Syde, Cheltenham	50	0	0
Williams, Harry George, Stroud Road, Gloucester ...	50	0	0
Johnson, Mrs. M. J., 1 Goodyere Street, Gloucester ...	25	0	0
Bradbury, H. A. S., 16 Radipole Road, Fulham	22	10	0
Meecham, William, Longford	10	0	0
	£2,572	7	5

The number of patients admitted to the semi-private wards was 396, the daily average number of beds occupied being 14.2 against 14.17 in 1945 ; and to the private rooms 176, the daily average number of beds occupied being 5.2 against 5.1 last year.

In the Ophthalmic department 1,583 out-patients and 290 in-patients were treated and 225 major eye operations were performed. The number of out-patients attendances was 4,213.

The number of cases radiographed in the X-Ray department was 7,093, and 9,940 radiograms were taken. In the therapy department 64 new cases were received and 675 treatments were given.

In the Physiotherapy department 2,003 treatments were given, of which 3,929 were massage, 13,901 daily electrical treatments, and 11,173 remedial exercises. During the year remedial exercises were begun in four of the wards and the total number given was 7,300.

The out-patients attendances in the Orthopaedic department were 4,478.

The number of cases treated in the ultra-violet ray department was 280 and 2,262 treatments were given, of which 675 were by mercury vapour lamp, 1,574 by carbon arc lamp, and 13 by " Kromayer " lamp.

In the Ear, Nose and Throat department 904 in-patients were admitted and 900 operations were performed. The total number of attendances at the out-patients clinics was 3,256 and 2,975 daily treatments were given.

During the year 112 cases were referred to the dental department by the medical and surgical staff.

In the pathological laboratory 16,643 specimens were examined, of which 6,009 were for the County and City Authorities, 2,166 for the Ministry of Health, 5,707 for the Infirmary and 2,761 for the Emergency Medical Scheme.

The arrangements for the treatment of patients in the Venereal Diseases Clinic continue to work satisfactorily. An extra clinic has been provided on Tuesday evenings. Comparison figures of patients attending were 518 in 1946, 295 in 1945.

At the Neurological Clinic 336 new out-patients were treated during the year, the total attendances being 782.

At the plastic Surgery Clinic 40 new out-patients were seen during the year, the total attendances in the department being 65.

In all the operating theatres of the hospital 4,058 operations were performed.

W. WASHBOURN,
Acting Chairman.

C. J. ADAMS,
House Governor and Secretary.

The Committee regrets to record the death of Mr. F. C. Gardner, who was a member of the Committee and Weekly Board for many years.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR

Income

1945 £	ORDINARY :—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d
	I.—Voluntary Gifts.			
	Annual Subscriptions :—			
1933	Infirmary	1879 14 5		
7	Eye Institution	6 6 0		
			1886 0 5	
2145	Donations		1553 11 8	
185	Boxes		174 9 0	
753	Collections from Places of Worship		635 17 0	
	Royal Infirmary League :—			
163	Ordinary Collections		142 6 2	
27052	Transfer from Contributory Scheme Account, page 32-33 (Total Collection £32,151)		25916 19 6	
632	Entertainments		711 19 8	
225	The League of Mercy		250 0 0	
				31271 3 5
33095				
	II.—Receipts on account of services rendered.			
	1. Contributions on Account of Services to Patients :—			
	(*a*) From Patients and their Societies :—			
1667	Patients	1274 18 10		
2814	,, Semi-Private Wards ...	2852 3 3		
2682	,, Private Rooms	2529 2 5		
145	,, Paying Out Patients ...	122 17 1		
3387	Hospital Contributory Associations	3484 6 9		
—	Approved Societies	8 8 0		
192	Road Traffic Act	317 12 6		
21	Other Sources	63 11 1		
	(*b*) From Public Authorities, &c. :—			
1384	Public Authorities	962 8 2		
140	Ministry of Health. Pathological Examinations	250 12 10		
1775	State Grant—Nursing Salaries ...	—		
14207			11866 0 11	
	Carried forward		11866 0 11	31271 3 5

THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1946

Expenditure

1945 £	ORDINARY :—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	I.—Provisions		
1803	Meat	1695 17 4	
1372	Fish and Poultry	1345 18 5	
753	Butter, Bacon, Cheese, etc.	751 18 5	
254	Eggs	240 7 0	
1912	Milk	1792 9 8	
621	Bread, Flour, etc.	717 17 6	
1419	Groceries	1770 15 0	
1592	Vegetables and Fruit	2001 11 7	
88	Ale and Stout	168 3 7	
59	Aerated Waters	98 12 8	
9873			10583 11 2
	II.—Surgery and Dispensary		
1996	Drugs, Chemicals, etc.	2787 11 7	
1070	Dressings, Bandages, etc.	1276 10 2	
1507	Instruments and Appliances	2853 19 10	
23	Wines and Spirits	15 14 9	
939	Salaries (Dispensary Staff)	1060 19 11	
254	Sundries	381 3 9	
5789			8376 0 0
	III.—Domestic		
1976	Renewal and Repair of Furniture, Bedding Crockery, etc.	2287 5 10	
2140	Laundry	2916 4 1	
372	Cleaning and Chandlery	361 16 9	
257	Water	353 6 4	
	Fuel and Lighting :—		
2922	Coal and Coke	3347 1 8	
570	Gas	791 14 11	
781	Electric Current, etc.	976 8 3	
13	Oil and Wood	9 1 0	
262	Uniforms	429 1 0	
158	Sundries	115 10 11	
9451			11587 10 9
	Carried forward		30547 1 11

1945 £		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
14207	Brought forward	11866	0	11	31271	3	5
——	(c) Government Emergency Hospital Scheme	—					
798	2, Other Receipts	1002	10	1			
					12868	11	0
15005							
	III.—Invested Property						
3700	Dividends, Interest, Etc. :—	3809	10	8			
80	Rents	134	0	9			
255	Income Tax Returned	218	3	9			
					4161	15	2
4035							
52135	**Total Ordinary Income**				48301	9	7

Carried forward	48301	9	7

1945 £		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d
	Brought forward				30547	1	11
	IV.—Salaries and Wages						
4065	Medical	5333	5	0			
11928	Nursing	14538	17	0			
	Other Officers and Employees :—						
4955	(i) Domestic	8183	0	0			
3030	(ii) Mechanics and Porters	3839	2	7			
1270	(iii) Other Officers	1631	7	10			
161	Pensions	190	10	0			
25409					33716	2	5
	V.—Miscellaneous						
876	Printing, Stationery, Postage, Telephones, etc. ...	1228	15	10			
302	Advertisements	346	9	9			
209	Insurances	229	8	1			
278	Garden	726	14	3			
284	Sundries	393	3	2			
1949					2924	11	1
	VI.—Administration						
2101	Salaries	2330	2	3			
—	Pensions		—				
425	Printing, Stationery, Postage, Telephone, etc. ...	501	3	10			
29	Advertisements	62	19	3			
1281	Law charges	3	17	0			
32	Auditors' fees	26	5	0			
84	Sundries	202	17	3			
3952					3127	4	7
	VII.—Establishment						
2279	Renewals and Repairs to Building and Plant				4081	13	11
	Carried forward				£74396	13	11

1945 £	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
		Brought forward ...		48301 9 7

EXTRAORDINARY INCOME :—

—	Proceeds of Sale of £5,000 0s. 0d. 2½% War Bonds	5118 7 0	
—	Proceeds of sale of £13,201 5s. 0d. 3½% Conversion Stock	14693 14 9	19812 1 9
	Transferred from Capital Account		
—	Debit balance on Semi-Private Wards		550 11 5
	Balance being excess of total Expenditure over total Income for the year		**7475 1 10**
			£76,139 4 7

DEFICIT

	£ s. d.
Balance due to Bank December 31st 1946	9628 16 5
	£9,628 16 5

NURSES'

	£ s. d.
Balance, January 1st, 1946	6 17 11
Dividend on £56 18s. 2d. 4% Consolidated Stock (Yeats Memorial)	2 5 6
,, £45 19s. 5d. ,, ,, (Jones Memorial)	1 16 8
Donations	6 5 0
	£17 5 1

		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1945	Brought forward		74396 13 11
£	**VIII.—Finance**		
—	Interest (General Account)	26 8 6	
—	Interest (Capital Account)	—	
597	Appeals	686 2 9	
359	Rates and Taxes	412 10 0	
			1125 1 3
956			
59658	**Total Ordinary Expenditure**		75521 15 2

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE :—

193	Construction of New Drive Way—Front Entrance	—
	Transferred to Capital Account :—	
1117	Balance of Private Ward Fees	617 9 5
264	Balance of Semi-Private Ward Fees	—
		£76,139 4 7

ACCOUNT.

	£ s. d.
Balance due to Bank January 1st, 1946	2142 8 10
Excess of Expenditure over Income	7475 1 10
Cash in hand	11 5 9
	£9,628 16 5

PRIZE FUND.

	£ s. d.
Prizes for Nurses	8 14 3
Balance—Lloyds Bank Ltd....	8 10 10
	£17 5 1

STUDENT NURSES

	£	s.	d.
Balance at Bank January 1st, 1946	144	15	10
Donations	9	0	0
Dividend on £300 2½% National War Bonds	7	10	0
	£161	5	10

GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY HOSPITAL

	£	s.	d.
Balance January 1st, 1946	5711	8	10
Interim payments towards cost of Casualty Service	555	10	2
	£6,266	19	0

CAPITAL

Receipts

	£	s.	d.
Balance at Bank January 1st, 1946	5603	1	11
Transferred from Income and Expenditure Account			
,, Balance of Private Ward Fees, page 31	617	9	5
	£6,220	11	4

GOSCOMB

Income to December 31st, 1946	£94	15	9

THE OSBORNE FUND FOR THE

	£	s.	d.
Balance, January 1st, 1946 :—Lloyds Bank Ltd.	33	13	10
Dividend on £1797 6s. 7d. 3½% War Stock	62	18	0
Transferred from General Account	25	10	4
	£122	2	2

CONTRIBUTORY SCHEME

1945 £		£	s.	d.
30,559	Workpeople's Contributions	29,323	11	5
	Royal Infirmary League :—			
3,486	Contributory Scheme	2,827	15	10
		£32,151	7	3

EDUCATIONAL FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Purchase of Text Books for Nurses Library	2	1	0
Balance at Bank December 31st, 1946	159	4	10
	£161	5	10

SCHEME SUSPENSE ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
Transferred to Medical Staff Fund	97	1	6
Balance at Bank, December 31st, 1946	6169	17	6
	£6,266	19	0

ACCOUNT.

Payments

	£	s.	d.
Purchase of Deep X-Ray Therapy Unit	1915	3	6
Installation of Ditto	99	5	0
Transferred to Income and Expenditure Account			
Debit Balance on Semi-Private Wards (page 30)...	550	11	5
Balance at Bank, December 31st, 1946	3655	11	5
	£6,220	11	4

TRUST ACCOUNT.

Paid to beneficiary under Will	£94	15	9

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT OF THE CHAPLAIN.

	£	s.	d.
Chaplain's Stipend	88	8	4
Balance—Lloyds Bank Ltd.	33	13	10
	£122	2	2

ACCOUNT.

1945 £		£	s.	d.
6993	Payments for Contributors treated at other Hospitals ...	6,234	7	9
27,052	Balance—Transferred to Income and Expenditure Account—page 26	25,916	19	6
		£32,151	7	3

SAMARITAN

Receipts

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance, January 1st, 1946 :—						
Lloyds Bank	274	2	5			
Cash in hand	17	2	6			
				291	4	11
Dividend on £1080 0s. 0d. 3½% War Stock	...		...	37	16	0
,, ,, £100 0s. 0d. 3% Savings Bonds 1960-70	...		...	3	0	0
Donations	...		...	129	1	0
Collecting Box	...		...	1	17	11
Payments by Patients	...		...	19	8	0
Patients' Fares...	...		...	108	17	10
Convalescent Treatment	...		...	86	15	11
Instruments	...		...		12	10
Interest on Deposit Account	...		...	1	15	1
				£680	9	6

ENDOWMENT

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Legacies received during the year :—						
Habgood, Miss Margaret A., Bishopstone House, Brunswick Road, Gloucester.	1155	11	1			
(Also Stocks to the value of £1,653 12s. 8d.)						
Guilding, Mrs. L. A., Kenton Green, Elmore	500	0	0			
Brendon, Mrs. Eliza A., Willoughby, Hucclecote ...	309	6	4			
Penny, Rev. L. P., 52 Weston Road, Gloucester ...	200	0	0			
A. M.Order of King Purchasers	150	0	0			
Viner-Brady, Mrs. Elizabeth Viner, Ferryside, Twickenham	100	0	0			
Crewdson, J. Dillworth, Syde, Cheltenham	50	0	0			
Williams, Harry George, Stroud Road, Gloucester ...	50	0	0			
Johnson, Mrs. M. J., 1 Goodyere Street, Gloucester ...	25	0	0			
Bradbury, H. A. S., 16 Radipole Road, Fulham	22	10	0			
Meecham, William, Longford	10	0	0			
				2572	7	5
Balance at Bank January 1st, 1946				4119	16	4
				£6,692	3	9

WILLIAM WASHBOURN
H. BENFIELD
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J. H. PERCIVAL
R. E. WILLIAMS
H. HAGUE

Members of the Finance Committee.

W. F. M. HOPKINS, A.L.A.A., *Hon. Treasurer*

FUND.

Payments

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Patients' Fares		150 16 11
Payment towards Convalescent Treatment		108 8 3
Instruments		3 11 11
Grants to Patients		2 0 0
Balance—Lloyds Bank Ltd.	410 12 5	
Cash in hand	5 0 0	
		415 12 5
		£680 9 6

FUND ACCOUNT.

	£ s. d.
Balance at Bank December 31st, 1946	6692 3 9
	£6,692 3 9

We have examined the foregoing Accounts of Income and Expenditure with the Books and Vouchers relating thereto, and certify the same to be correct. We have also inspected the scrip and documents relating to the Investments of the Institution.

DUART-SMITH, BAKER & PRICE,
Accountants.

Albion House,
King Street,
Gloucester.

14th March, 1947.

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

as at 31st December, 1946

£	Amount of Stock etc. £	s.	d.	Description	Book Value £	s.	d.
	877	3	9	3½% War Stock (Holford's Trust)	877	3	9
	338	4	4	,, ,, (Musgrave's Trust)	338	4	4
	354	8	4	,, ,, (Price's Trust) ...	354	8	4
	350	17	6	,, ,, (Ducie Fund) ...	350	17	6
	518	19	2	4% Funding Stock (Elsom Memorial)	518	19	2
	11341	1	8	3½% War Stock (Long's Trust) ...	11341	1	8
	96	12	1	,, ,, (Miss Workman's Gift)	96	12	1
	151	4	7	,, ,, (Conversion Bonus)	151	4	7
	1282	3	11	,, ,, (Worgan's Legacy)	1282	3	11
	482	10	0	,, ,, (Whiting's Legacy)	482	10	0
	1937	8	8	3½% War Stock } (Eyre Fund)	1937	8	8
	659	0	0	4% G.W.Ry. Deb. Stock } (Eyre Fund)	659	0	0
	2035	13	2	4% Consolidated Stock } (Eyre Fund)	2035	13	2
	2050	0	0	3% Savings Bonds 1955-65 ... (Long's Trust)	2050	0	0
	7590	4	2	3% Savings Bonds 1955-65 ...	7590	4	2
	1000	0	0	,, ,, "B" 1960-70	1000	0	0
	6296	6	2	3½% Conversion Stock	6296	6	2
	4953	17	9	,, ,, ...	4953	17	9
	1315	15	10	,, ,, ... (Payne's Legacy)	1315	15	10
	1024	5	11	,, ,, ... (Russell's Trust)	1024	5	11
	405	11	9	,, ,, ... (Druid's Bed Fund)	405	11	9
	2347	7	7	,, ,, (Sterry's Bequest)	2347	7	7
	20000	0	0	2½% National War Bonds 1952-54	20000	0	0
	20000	0	0	3% Savings Bonds 1960-70 ...	20000	0	0
	1000	0	0	,, ,, ,, ... (Dorrington's Legacy)	1000	0	0
	74	1	6	4% Consolidated Stock ... ... (Barnett's Trust)	74	1	6
	5352	0	0	3% London Transport Stock 1967-72	5352	0	0
	130	0	0	,, ,, ,, ,,	130	0	0
	850	0	0	3% Defence Bonds	850	0	0
	430	0	0	Mortgage on Freehold Property at Coleford (Worgan's Legacy) ...	430	0	0
	4991	5	0	East India Railway Co. Annuity Class "C"	4991	5	0
	993	2	2	3½% Conversion Stock ... ... (Habgood Legacy)	993	2	2
	660	10	6	3½% War Stock (Habgood) Legacy)	660	10	6

LAUNDRY ACCOUNT

For the Year ended 31st December, 1946.

Total number of pieces washed on Hospital premises	250,474
Average number of pieces washed weekly on Hospital premises ...	4817
Cost of laundry per occupied bed per week	6·6s.
Cost of laundry work done on Hospital premises, per piece	3·18d.

Expenditure in connection with Hospital Laundry.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Wages, &c.		1,819 15 10
Materials and Sundries		120 18 11
Fuel, &c. :—		
Coal	465 4 4	
Electricity	24 14 11	
Gas	80 16 10	
Water	73 16 8	
		644 12 9
Renewals and repairs to machinery, plant and buildings and Engine Room expenses		269 16 0
Insurance of machinery, plant and buildings		6 3 0
Rent and Rates :—		
Interest on Capital Expenditure	334 18 10	
Rates	60 0 0	
		394 18 10
Depreciation :—		
Buildings 1½%	50 19 8	
Machinery and Boilers 7½%	16 5 11	
		67 5 7
Total cost of Hospital's Laundry work		£3,323 10 11

SUMMARY OF THE PATIENTS FOR 1946

IN-PATIENTS.

Remaining in hospital 1st January, 1946		165
Admitted during the year :—		
Accidents and Emergencies	3155	
Venereal Clinic	33	
Patients received through Gloucestershire County Council and Gloucester Corporation and other authorities	829	
Government Emergency Hospital Scheme	23	
Private Patients	567	
		4607
Total		4,772

OUT-PATIENTS.

On the books 1st January, 1946		2422
Treated during the year :—		
By Recommendation	5789	
Accidents and Emergencies	9428	
Venereal Clinic	518	
Dental Cases (Dental Dept. 112, Casualty Dept. —)	112	
Eye Cases (Ordinary Hospital Patients)	1583	
County Medical Extension Scheme (including 115 Eye Cases)...	580	
City School Medical Service (including 46 Eye Cases)	507	
Government Emergency Hospital Scheme (including 24 Eye Cases and 27 Neurological Cases)	203	
Neurological Clinic (Ordinary Hospital Patients)	310	
Private Out-Patients	55	
		19,085
Total		21,507
Discharged well or relieved		18881
Remaining on the books		2626
		21,507

STATISTICAL TABLES.

IN-PATIENTS

1946

1.	Average number of beds occupied	190·3
2.	Number of patients at beginning of period	165
3.	Number of patients admitted	4607
4.	Number of patients in Hospital at end of period	179
5.	Average number of days resident	15·1

Expenditure on In-Patients and Average Cost of each In-Patient Treated to a Conclusion.

	Expenditure on In-patients	Average cost of each In-patient	Average cost per week
	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1. Provisions	9987	2 3 5¾	1 0 1¾
2. Surgery and Dispensary ...	4746	1 0 8	0 9 7
3. Domestic	10787	2 6 11¾	1 1 9¼
4. Salaries and Wages ...	25712	5 11 11½	2 11 11
5. Miscellaneous ...	2440	0 10 7½	0 4 11
6. Administration ...	2512	0 10 11¼	0 5 0¾
Statistical Cost ...	56,184	12 4 7¾	5 13 4¾
7. Establishment Renewals and Repairs ...	3384	0 14 8¾	0 6 10
8. Finance	925	0 4 0¼	0 1 10¼
Total Cost ...	60,493	13 3 4¾	6 2 1

STATISTICAL TABLES—*continued.*

OUT-PATIENTS

1946

1. Total number of new Out-Patients 19,085
2. Total number of Out-Patient attendances 56,375

Expenditure on Out-Patients and Average Cost of each Out-Patient and Out-Patient Attendance.

	Expenditure on Out-patients	Average cost of each Out-patient	Average cost per attendance
	£	d.	d.
1. Provisions	597	7·5	2·5
2. Surgery and Dispensary ...	3630	45·6	15·4
3. Domestic	800	10.1	3·4
4. Salaries and Wages ...	8004	100·7	34·1
5. Miscellaneous ...	485	6·1	2·1
6. Administration ...	615	7·7	2·6
Statistical Cost ...	14,131	177·7	60·1
7. Establishment Renewals and Repairs ...	697	8·7	3·0
8. Finance	200	2·5	0·8
	15,028	188·9	63·9

THE CLOTHING & NEEDLEWORK GUILD

OF THE

GLOUCESTERSHIRE ROYAL INFIRMARY LEAGUE

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT 1946

DURING the year 1946, subscriptions and donations amounted to £86 1s. 0d. Garments received amounted to 206.

At a Committee Meeting held on Friday, January 24th, 1947, it was decided to hand to Matron the sum of £213 11s. 4d., to be spent as needed for the purchase of Material, Linen, etc. All the garments were also handed to Matron, as the Children's Hospital is now closed. Many regrets were expressed at the absence of the President, Lady Darell, owing to illness. Miss Tidswell, Vice-President occupied the Chair.

Mr. Adams, House Governor and Secretary, gave a very interesting talk on The Future of Hospitals. Many questions were asked and discussion followed. Matron and her Staff very kindly provided tea.

Grateful thanks are due to Mr. Browne, Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. Field, Auditor, and also to Matron and Assistant Matron, and the Staff for their very kind help.

ENID PARBURY,
Hon. Secretary.

Ferney Hill,
Dursley,
Glos.,
January, 1947.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT for Year ended 31st December, 1946.

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
By Balance Forward ...	213	11	4
,, Subscriptions & Donations	86	1	0
	£299	12	4

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
To Materials	36	5	0
,, Balance in hand ...	263	7	4
	£299	12	4

Examined and found correct,

R. B. FIELD,
Auditor.

J. H. BROWNE,
Hon. Treasurer.

17th January, 1947.

DAYS AND TIMES OF ATTENDANCE OF VISITING PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

DEPARTMENT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Medical Dr. H. CAIRNS TERRY, M.B. Ch.B.		**2 p.m.** Pediatric Clinic	**11 a.m.** By Appointment	**10 a.m.** Sunlight Clinic		
Dr. R. F. JARRETT, M.R.C.P., M.A., M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	**9-30 a.m.** By Appointment			**9-30 a.m.** By Appointment	As from May 16th **9-30 a.m.** Heart Clinic (3rd Friday each month)	
Surgical and Radium Mr. W. J. WILKIN, F.R.C.S., M.A., M.B., B.Ch. (Camb.), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	**10-30 a.m.** By Appointment			**10 a.m.** By Appointment		
Surgical and Urological Mr. P. M. BIRKS, F.R.C.S., M.B., B.S.	**2 p.m.** By Appointment	**2 p.m.** By Appointment		**2 p.m.** (Urological) By Appointment	**2 p.m.** By Appointment	
Ophthalmic Mr. W. NICCOL, M.B., Ch.B.			**2 p.m.** By Appointment			**2 p.m.** By Appointment
Assistant Surgeon : Mr. J. D. J. FREEMAN, D.O.M.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.			**2 p.m.** By Appointment			**2 p.m.** By Appointment
Orthopaedic Mr. J. F. H. STALLMAN, F.R.C.S., M.B., B.S., L.R.C.P.		**2 p.m.** By Appointment	**9-30 a.m.** Fractures only			
Assistant Surgeon : Mr. L. HENRY, M.D., F.R.C.S.			**9-30 a.m.** Fractures only		**2 p.m.** By Appointment	

Gynaecological Mr. H. A. HAMILTON, M.R.C.O.G., M.A., M.B., B.Ch.		**10 a.m.** By Appointment	**2 p.m.** Follow-up clinic (House Surgeon)		**10 a.m.** By Appointment	
Ear, Nose and Throat Mr. C. de W. GIBB, F.R.C.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	**2 p.m.** onwards No Appointments					
Assistant Surgeon : H. MOWER, D.L.O.				**2 p.m.** onwards No Appointments		
Plastic Mr. EMLYN LEWIS, F.R.C.S.						**9-15 a.m.** 1st Saturday every month
Psychiatric Dr. F. C. LOGAN, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.F.P.S.					**2-30 p.m.** By Appointment	
Clinical Pathology Dr. E. N. DAVEY, M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O.		**10-30 a.m.** Appointments only				

APPOINTMENTS OFFICER : TELEPHONE GLOUCESTER 5167.

All Patients must bring a letter from their own Doctor on the first visit, and a Subscriber's recommendation or Contributory Scheme Voucher.

No Out-patient shall be treated for a longer period than eight successive weeks under any one recommendation of a Subscriber, except in the case of an Out-patient who attends periodically for inspection only, and not for regular treatment, when the recommendation shall be available for a period not exceeding six months. Non-contributory and/or non-recommended out-patients will be charged 1/- per visit.

Out-patients, in their own interests, should attend for registration at least fifteen minutes before the time of attendance of the doctor.

VENEREAL DISEASES CLINIC

Females—Mondays at 11 a.m. and Tuesdays and Fridays at 5-30 p.m.
Males— ,, ,, 12 noon ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, 6 p.m.

MATRON'S REPORT

The average number of staff throughout the year has been 109 as compared with 112 for the corresponding period in 1945.

The number of Sisters has increased—in September a Sister in Charge of Out-patients was appointed, Out-patients and Casualty now being separate units, and in December an Assistant Theatre Sister was appointed.

A house has recently been purchased, and a Preliminary Training School established at 44, London Road, Gloucester. A fully qualified Sister Tutor has been appointed to take charge and the first group of nurses is already installed. It will be possible to take up to 17 students at a time.

In the State Examinations—9 candidates entered for the Final Examination—7 were successful—2 failed to staisfy the examiners. There have been 19 entrants for the Preliminary State Examinations, 14 of whom have been successful and 5 of whom have been refused. 9 Nurses gained the Hospital's Certificate.

A change in the style of uniform has been effected, and the Committee of Management decided that uniforms for the staff should be made and supplied by one maker in order to ensure some uniformity in style and cut.

In accordance with the suggestions made by the King Edward's Hospital Fund on the care, etc., of nursing personnel, candidates are medically examined immediately upon entrance to the Hospital, and again before signing their contracts. In addition, there are medical "follow ups" where necessary and sick staff are seen each morning in the Nurses' Home.

A great effort has been made to install some system of heating into the bedrooms in the Nurses' Home and it is hoped that soon it will be possible for this work to be started ; meanwhile in the house in Southgate Street there have been gas fires fitted into all rooms, and the Nursing Staff concerned desire to express their thanks and appreciation of this.

New nesting chairs and shades for the lights have been purchased for the Nurses' Recreation Hut, which is now very much more comfortable.

E. FENSOME,
Matron.

THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE ROYAL INFIRMARY LEAGUE

Report for the year 1946.

Chairman - - -	Lady Darell.
Vice-Chairman - -	Miss Tidswell.
Committee - - -	Mrs. Detmar Blow, Miss Boyd, Mrs. Calvert, Miss Clifford, Mrs. Cridlan, Miss Gibbs, Major Hague, Mrs. Herbert Jones, Mrs. Parbury, Mrs. Steel, Mrs. Strickland, Mrs. West, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Workamn, Mrs. Younghusband.
Hon. Treasurer - -	Mr. J. H. Browne.
Hon. Secretary - -	Miss Meath-Baker.

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 24th January, 1947, and many Presidents and collectors attended. Lady Darell was unfortunately ill so, after the reports had been read, Miss Tidswell thanked all concerend for their hard work during the year, which had had such excellent results. Many beautifully made garments were on view. Mr. C. J. Adams, House Governor, outlined the new health plan, showing the many ways in which the Hospital will benefit. Tea was provided by Matron.

L. MEATH-BAKER,
Honorary Secretary.

ALMONER'S REPORT

The year 1946 promised to be a particularly interesting one for the department, because it would establish whether the administrative re-organisation planned the previous year was, in practice, justified, and the result appears satisfactory.

The most outstanding innovation was the introduction of the Appointments System in January. It was started on a small scale, but by December, 1946, all Out-Patients were seen by appointment only, with the exception of the Fracture Clinic, the nature of which obviously makes this impracticable for the numbers attending are not assessable beforehand and consist of emergencies whose treatment cannot be deferred. Patients, therefore, do not now have to wait the hours previously anticipated when attending the Out-Patient Department and they report for their appointments at regular intervals throughout the day, thus avoiding the former overwhelming influx to some of the larger clinics. Wherever introduced, the Appointments System must be adapted to the particular conditions existent in that hospital ; many modifications have had to be made, and are still being made, before the greatest possible benefit can be derived from it here, but for all so far achieved, credit is due to the Appointments Officer and Registration Staff who have spared no effort to ensure its success.

The number of patients referred to other hospitals may, at first glance, appear to be unusually high, but it must be remembered that this includes not only patients being sent to special hospitals (*i.e.*, orthopaedic, neuro-surgical, deep X-ray therapy) but also those for whom arrangements are now being made at the City General Hospital through the local authority concerned, thus reducing the waiting period before admission to hospital. There is, also, the almost overwhelming difficulty

of making arrangements for the care of the chronic sick, a problem which has received much attention in the Press recently. Unfortunately if a chronic or incurable patient cannot be nursed at home, nowadays with shortage of labour and accommodation (a common occurrence) there remains for the average patient no alternative but eventual transfer to one of the already hard-pressed Local Authority Hospitals, for there are no homes where long stay beds are available, catering for patients of average means ; the enormity of this problem cannot be over-emphasized.

The number of patients sent away for convalescence during the year shows an increase on the previous one, but it is still difficult particularly during the summer months, to obtain a vacancy sufficiently soon to enable patients to be sent direct from the ward to the seaside. To send them hone, pending a vacancy, so often has the deleterious effect of undermining their enthusiasm once they have settled down with their family, so that when it is time to go away, the mother may feel she cannot leave the children again ; she has never been convalescent in the true sense, but has been discharged from the ward to onerous home duties in spite of instructions to rest as much as possible, and she will not, therefore, fully benefit from convalescence. Several children have been sent away, and mention might be made of a little girl who was sent to Bournemouth for five weeks, the first holiday she had ever had at the sea. She returned having had a wonderful Christmas there, much improved in health, and with happy memories which she will long remember.

Surgical Appliances are now supplied by two firms, the representatives of which attend a Clinic alternative weeks instead of fortnightly as previously. Wherever the patient himself was unable to pay the full cost of the appliance recommended, grants have been obtained through Approved Societies, Public Health Authorities, the Cripples Aid Committees, British Legion, Public Assistance Committees, and as a last resource, the Samaritan

Fund. In all cases, the money has been guaranteed before the appliance has been placed on order.

The Hospital Car Service has provided transport for 56 people during the year, sometimes three times each week for an individual patient. These voluntary drivers travel all over the County, and seem undaunted by the tortuous, muddy lanes, almost inaccessible, at the end of which the particularly helpless patient always seems to live. Once again, thanks are due to these drivers and their organisers who are doing such invaluable service, and whose kindness and interest are never unappreciated, even at the most harrassing time.

The new Education Act has increased the number of children treated for whom the Local Authorities accept responsibility, all of school age are now automatically included, instead of only those for whom specific authority has been given. The advantage of this is the increased opportunity of bringing to the notice of the Public Health and Education Authorities children for whom special care is necessary ; for example, the child admitted in an unkempt condition whose home obviously requires a visit from the Health Visitor or District Nurse ; the diabetic boy who is unmanageable at home, defies his grandmother and is receiving no education, for whom a special home for diabetic children is indicated ; the small girl with bone disease and another with Infantile Paralysis, both of whom need treatment in a long stay hospital where the former can receive Schooling and the latter Occupational Therapy. Physically handicapped children, the Blind, Asthmatical, the Deformed ; all need special attention even if cared for at home and they can have the advice of the Blind Visitor, the Health Visitor or the Orthopaedic After-Care Sister. The new Act provides increased opportunities of referring these children to the appropriate source so that they may be kept under observation.

The Samaritan Fund continued to benefit many patients, grants from which were made towards Convalescence, Surgical

Appliances and Fares to enable patients to continue treatment and various other items. Of the donations received, a large number were from patients whose interest in the Fund is increasing as its purpose becomes more widely known. It is invaluable in helping those who might otherwise have to forego benefits enabling them to return to good health.

Once again, the opportunity must not be overlooked of thanking those people who have so readily given their advice and help during the year, the County and City Public Health, Education, and Public Assistance Authorities, Labour Exchange Officials, British Legion, B.R.C.S., the Cripples Associations and Ambulance Authorities, together with many others too numerous to mention here, and lastly, members of my own department, whose support and reliability in carrying out the routine administration leaves me free to assist those patients who turn to the Almoner for help with their difficulties.

S. D. YATES,
Almoner.

February, 1946.

SOCIAL WORK

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Surgical Appliances	8	23	9	10	12	6	18	15	8	13	10	6	138
Transport (Hospital Car Service ...	4	4	1	9	5	6	8	2	4	8	3	2	56
Transfer to other Hospitals ...	13	21	11	14	22	16	16	20	34	22	13	15	217
Family Help	1	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	5
Convalescence ..	3	3	–	2	4	3	3	2	4	–	2	1	27
After-Care	1	–	2	1	–	–	4	–	1	–	–	–	9
Fares	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	1	1	5
Rehabilitation ...	1	3	1	1	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	8
Contact with Relatives through S.S.A.F.A. ...	3	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	1	8
General advice ...	–	1	–	–	2	1	–	1	5	2	3	2	17
Artificial Limbs ...	–	1	1	–	–	2	–	–	2	–	1	–	7
Medical Reports obtained from other sources	–	1	–	2	1	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	6
Referred to T.B. Authorities ...	–	–	1	3	–	–	–	2	–	3	–	–	9
Referred to District Nurse	–	–	–	4	3	–	4	2	4	10	2	1	30
Follow-Up	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1
	35	60	27	47	49	35	53	48	64	59	36	30	543

SUMMARY OF IN-PATIENTS—1946

Workman's Contribution Scheme	Other Hospital Scheme	Assessed	Full Cost per week
2,233	407	127	205

Public Health Authorities	E.M.S.	No charge made	In abeyance	Total
829	23	136	80	4,040

AN EXTRACT FROM THE RULES

Qualification of Governor.

The qualification for a Governor is an Annual Subscription of not less than two Guineas, or a Donation at one time of not less than Forty Pounds ; which last shall constitute such donor a Governor for life. An annual subscription of not less than Three Gunieas shall enable any Parish, Corporate Body, Trustees of any Charitable Institution or Trust, Friendly or other Society, Public Company, or any Firm of Partners in Trade, Club, or persons clubbing together for the purpose, to register the name of an individual, one of their own body, as a Governor of the Institution, and such individual shall be entitled to all the privileges of a Governor.

Quarterly and Annual Meetings.

Quarterly General Meetings of the Governors will be held at the Infirmary on the last Thursday in the months of March June, September and December (Thursday not being Christmas day, when it will be held on the day before).

The Quarterly General Meeting in March shall be the Annual General Meeting of Governors.

Visiting Governors.

Three Governors are appointed quarterly, to act as Visitors.

Annual Subscriptions.

All Annual Subscriptions are due in advance, on the 1st day of January, and Subscribers are requested to pay them to the Treasurer, or to such person as he may direct, on that day, or as soon after as may be.

A subscription paid by a *New Subscriber* during any year will be considered a subscription for that year, commencing on the 1st day of January. Every Subscriber will be considered as continuing his subscription, until he shall have given a written notice to the Treasurer or Secretary of his intention to withdraw the same.

No Subscriber can recommend a Patient until his subscription for the current year shall have been paid.

Individual Subscribers may recommend for the current year Patients, who are unable to pay for the treatment required, according to the following scale, viz. :—

For	£0 10 6	per Annum	...	...	2 Out-patients
,,	1 1 0	,,	...	...	4 Out-patients
,,	1 11 6	,,	...	...	6 Out-patients
,,	2 2 0	,,	...	...	8 Out-patients

and so in proportion, being 2 Out-patients for every 10s. 6d. and 8 Out-patients for every £2 2s. 0d.

Parishes, Corporate Bodies, Trustees of any Charitable Institution, or Trust, Friendly or other Societies, Public Companies or Firms of Partners in Trade, Clubs or persons clubbing together for the purpose, subscribing a minimum of £3 3s. 0d. annually, shall be entitled to recommend :—

For each	£3 3 0	per Annum	...	6 Out-patients
,, ,,	4 4 0	,,	...	8 Out-patients

and so in proportion, being 6 Out-patients for every £3 3s. 0d., and 8 Out-patients for every £4 4s 0d.

Each Donation of Forty Pounds is equivalent to an Annual subscription of Two Guineas for the life of the donor, and each additional donation of Twenty Pounds to a further Annual Subscription of One Guinea for such life.

In the case of Corporate Bodies a donation of One Hundred Pounds shall carry in perpetuity ten out-patient letters of recommendation and every further Twenty Pounds two out-patient letters of recommendation.

Collections in Churches and Chapels.

Every Minister of Religion who shall collect in a place of Worship, for the benefit of the Institution, the sum of Five Pounds or upwards, shall be entitled to recommend, during a period of twelve months after such collection, one In-patient and five Out-patients for each Five Pounds so collected.

Stay of Out-Patients.

No Out-patient shall be treated for a longer period than eight successive weeks under any one recommendation of a Subscriber, provided that in the case of an Out-patient who attends periodically for inspection only and not for regular treatment, the recommendation shall be available for a period not exceeding six months.

FORMS OF ADMISSION.

Printed Letters of Recommendation will, on application, be supplied by the House Governor and Secretary.

The attention of Subscribers is respectfully drawn to the fact that Letters of Recommendation in right of any subscription are available only during the year to which the subscription relates.

Subscribers are earnestly requested to carefully fill in on any Letter of Recommendation the required particulars as shown on the forms ; and, where the Patient resides in a town, to especially state the street and number of his or her residence.

WORKPEOPLE'S CONTRIBUTION SCHEME.

The rate of contribution for unmarried contributors is 3d. per week and the contributor is exempt from the maintenance charge if admitted to any Hospital, (with certain exceptions) but a contribution of 4d. per week from an unmarried man or woman (other than a widower or widow having children under 16 years of age) will include a parent who is unable, by reason of age or infirmity, to support himself or herself, and who is materially supported by the contributor.

The rate of contribution for a married man is 4d. per week which exempts himself, wife and children up to 16 years of age, including children adopted by and dependent upon the Contributor, from the maintenance charge.

MAINTENANCE CHARGE.

The maintenance charge which will be revised from time to time has been fixed at the rate of £3 3s. 0d. per week. Contributory Patients are exempt from this charge.

The Gloucestershire Royal Infirmary and Eye Institution.

WORKPEOPLE'S HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st, 1946.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman :

*W. E. BROWN, 47, Estcourt Road, Gloucester.

Vice-Chairman :

*T. W. CLARK, 66, Falkner Street, Gloucester.

A. O. Benfield, H. Benfield, E. Browning, G. J. Dance, W. J. Gullick, * W. Hill, A. J. Hodgson, W. E. Jones, H. Jones, W. A. King, W. G. Knight, J. E. Lowly, J. Morefield, W. E. Moody, Miss Mustoe, *T. H. Nash, E. Oakhill, *A. Ornsby, *Mrs. E. Padgett, A. H. Poulton, Mrs. Proctor, S. Roberts, C. Rowles, J. Scrivens, H. Shail, H. P. Staite, *R. F. Tiley, W. A. Walker, C. Wilkes, F. L. Williams, J. Williams.

* Members of Sub-Committee.

Secretary : G. H. GRIFFITHS, The Royal Infirmary, Gloucester.

Contributions for the year 1946 reveal a decrease of £1,893 14s. 1d. when compared with the 1945 figures, but it will be observed from the 1939 total, which is reproduced, that the amount is still considerably in excess of the pre-war sum.

Contributions received:—	Workpeople's Committee.	Royal Infirmary League.	Total.
1939	£18912 4 2 ...	£2053 14 7 ...	£20965 18 9
1945	£30558 16 10 ...	£3486 4 6 ...	£34045 1 4
1946	£29323 11 5 ...	£2827 15 10 ...	£32151 7 3
Decrease...	£1235 5 5...	£658 8 8 ...	£1893 14 1

The Committee is of the opinion that the result of the year's work is satisfactory and would once again express thanks to all who have in any way assisted in the collection of contributions.

A quarter of a century's voluntary effort has produced the sum of £443,718 5s. 3d. for the use of the Gloucestershire Royal Infirmary and the expenses involved in the collection of this amount have been relatively small.

At the quarterly meeting in June, Mr. Benfield announced his retirement, on health grounds, from the Chairmanship of the Committee. Mr. Benfield's decision was accepted with regret and at a social event on October 9th a cheque for £100 was presented to him by Sir Lionel Darell, in appreciation of his work for the Contributory Scheme and the Hospital during the last 25 years. The presentation was supported by all sections of voluntary hospital workers in the Gloucestershire Royal Infirmary area.

It is pleasing to report that Mr. Benfield is still a member of the Executive Committee and retains all his posts on the various Hospital Committees, and the British Hospital Association Area Committee.

Mr. W. E. Brown was appointed Chairman, and Mr. T. W. Clark, Vice-Chairman.

The Committee wish to express their sympathy with the Vice-Chairman in his recent bereavement.

Representatives of the Contributory Scheme have continued their work on the Royal Infirmary Committees and have attended meetings of other bodies held during the year.

As a result of the understanding that members of the Honorary Medical and Surgical staff who had reached the recognised age limit should retire in August 1946, there have been a number of changes in the Honorary staff. The gentlemen who have retired have given many years of service to the Hospital and the Committee wish to express their admiration of the skill they have displayed in the treatment of a very large number of contributors and also to record their appreciation of the cordial relations which have existed between the Honorary staff and the Workpeople's Hospital Committee over a long period.

Miss Schofield resigned from the post of Matron in January and has been succeeded by Miss Fensome.

The thanks of the Committee are again extended to all members of the Honorary and Resident Medical and Surgical Staff, the Matron and all members of the Nursing Staff for the kindness and sympathy given to contributors on all occasions.

Valuable help has been given by the House Governor and all members of his staff throughout the year and in expressing thanks, the Committee desire to remark on the courtesy which invariably has been shewn to our members.

Thanks are also given to the Local Press, not only for the excellent reports published, but also for their interest in the well being of the Contributory Scheme and the Hospital.

The National Health Service Bill received the Royal Assent on 6th November, 1946, and while the actual date for the introduction of the Service is not known, it is generally understood to be April 1948. It is, therefore, essential that the efforts of all members of the Contributory Scheme should be intensified during the coming year, to ensure that the maximum amount of contributions is collected. The Committee feel confident that the fall in income experienced during the last two years can be arrested and are of the opinion that contributors generally would wish to have the satisfaction of knowing that, as a result of their work, it will be possible on the "appointed day" to hand the Gloucestershire Royal Infirmary over to the State as a solvent and up to date Hospital.

W. E. BROWN, *Chairman.*

T. W. CLARK, *Vice-Chairman.*

G. H. GRIFFITHS, *Secretary.*

Workpeople's Hospital Committee

IN-PATIENTS

The Hospital is at all times open for the reception of cases of emergency or accident.

ADMISSIONS

All cases of urgency and serious accident shall be admitted without recommendation, but all In-patients shall be required to pay for their maintenance such sum in conformity with their means as may be from time to time fixed by the Weekly Board, unless they shall be exempted under the Workpeople's Contribution Scheme.

RECOMMENDED CASES

In-patients can be received on the presentation of a written recommendation of a Subscriber and five Out-patient papers or of a Member of the Acting Medical Staff in respect of any Out-patient under his treatment.

Every Subscriber is earnestly requested, before signing a recommendation for an In-patient, to obtain the opinion of a medical man as to the fitness of the case for Hospital treatment.

It is requested that Subscribers who intend sending patients from a distance should previously communicate with the Resident Surgical Officer to ascertain whether the patient can be admitted, forwarding at the same time the opinion of a medical man as to the suitability of the case.

No person will be admitted as an In-patient who in the opinion of the Medical Officers can be treated with equal benefit as an Out-patient.

VISITING DAYS

In-patients may be visited by their friends on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 2 till 4 o'clock. Visitors are allowed at no other time unless by permission of the Resident Surgical Officer and/or the Matron.

PAYING WARD BLOCK

There are four 2-bed wards, two 4-bed wards at the Hospital, and six private wards for paying patients. Particulars may be obtained from the House Governor and Secretary.

FORM OF BEQUEST

To those desirous of benefiting this Hospital by Will, the following Form of Legacy is recommended :—

I give to the Gloucestershire Royal Infirmary and Eye Institution the sum of £.....

for the specific purpose of.....

* which sum I direct to be paid exclusively out of such part of my personal estate as may lawfully be appropriated to such purpose, and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said Institution shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors for the said sum.

* if desired, the words free of legacy duty can be inserted here.

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